

REMARKS

Claims 1, 10, 12, 14, 16-17, 20, 22, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39, 40, 43, 45, 54, 63 and 66 have been amended. Claims 3-9, 11, 13, 15, 18-19, 21, 24-30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 41-42, 44, 47-53, 55-62, 64-65 and 67 have been canceled. No new claims have been added. Claim 1, 2, 10, 12, 14, 16-17, 20, 22, 23, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39, 40, 43, 45, 46, 54, 63 and 66 remain pending in the application.

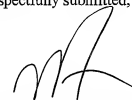
Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 8, 30 and 53 and all claims depending from these three claims are allowable over the prior art of record. The limitations of dependent claim 8 have been incorporated into the independent claim from which it depended (claim 1), the limitations of dependent claim 30 have been incorporated into the independent claim from which it depended (claim 22), and the limitations of dependent claim 53 have been incorporated into the independent claim from which it depended (claim 45). All other remaining claims depend directly or indirectly from amended claims 1, 22 or 45. Accordingly, Applicant submits that all remaining claims are in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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